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For

FOOD CONTAINER SEALING APPARATUS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to entering the National Stage.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.